

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 19th April 2009

IRTS AGM

The IRTS AGM weekend, which is hosted by the Shannon Basin Radio Club, takes place on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th April 2009. The venue is the Shamrock Lodge Hotel Athlone, which boasts ample car parking space and the best facilities around. The call in frequency will be 145.350.

Tickets for the annual dinner are now available from Brian Canning EI8IU, Brian can be contacted on 086 2514822 or via email from [brianei8iu /at/ eircom.net](mailto:brianei8iu@eircom.net)

There will also be a Rally and Annual General Meeting, for further details in relation to the dinner or rally please contact Brian EI8IU, Tony EI6DL, or Pat EI9HX There is also lots more information available on the AGM weekend from the IRTS website.

'500 kHz Permissions

Arising from our meeting on 12 February, ComReg has agreed to allow IRTS to seek expressions of interest for a limited number of permissions to operate in the region of 500 kHz under a licence to be issued to IRTS.

Expressions of interest are being sought equally from both non IRTS and IRTS members. Stations to which permissions are issued will have to send regular reports to IRTS consisting of their experience of propagation, type of propagation used, noise experienced and methodology used on this band so that these can be coordinated and periodic reports submitted to ComReg.

Participants will be expected to keep a separate full detailed log of all experiments conducted.

It should be noted that only a relatively small number of permissions will be granted and expressions of interest should only be made by those in a position to carry out realistic propagation experiments in this part of the spectrum.

An form on which to submit to IRTS an expression of interest is available on the IRTS website at www.irts.ie The final decision on the issue of permits will of course rest with ComReg as the statutory licensing authority.

Bus to IRTS AGM & Friedrichschafen

Tony Liddy EI9IL is putting on a bus for anyone who wishes to travel to the AGM in Athlone. The bus will depart from Limerick City on Saturday or Sunday depending on numbers. Tony is also considering running a bus to Friedrichschafen in June with lots of space for anyone wanting to bring goodies back! Tony can be contacted on 087-9912341

Latest from Echo Ireland

The April issue of Echo Ireland includes the usual update on recent and upcoming DX operations, another instalment of the ATV adventures of EI2HX, an article on the "Saga of 7 MHz", some advice on the construction of nested dipoles.

There a report on IRTS participation in Engineered! A Week of Wonder, during which hundreds of students throughout the country were introduced to Morse Code in practical sessions involving the construction and operation of a Morse Code oscillator.

Other features include the January 80 metre Counties Contest results and a report on the completion of the AREN Mobile Command Post. Members can expect to receive this latest issue of Echo Ireland within the next day or so.

International Marconi Day 2009

Saturday, April 25th marks the 135th anniversary of the birth of Marconi. To mark the occasion the Cornish Radio Amateur Club will be holding its 22nd annual International Marconi Day event and many stations with historic connections with Marconi will be active on that date. This is not a contest but several classes of awards are available for making QSOs with the special Award Stations. There are also SWL awards to be claimed.

The Howth Martello Radio Group (EI0MAR) is an Award Station and will be QRV during the event from the vintage radio museum in Howth. This is a twenty-four hour event but EI0MAR will concentrate activities from 9am until 5pm local time, visitors will be welcome during those hours.

To coincide with the special event, the North Dublin Radio Club will hold its weekly meeting at the same QTH from 8pm the same evening. EI0MAR's web site is www.ei0mar.org For more information about the event including a listing of award stations visit www.gb4imd.org.uk

North Dublin Radio Club

North Dublin Radio Club EI0NDR, are running theory classes for those wishing to sit the Radio Exterminators Licensing Exam. For details email Tony ei6eqb at tonyfay /at/ eircom.net

Mayo Radio Experimenter Group

The IRTS radio news is transmitted every Sunday evening on the Mayo Repeater (145.600) at 8pm local time. The newsreaders are John, EI7IQ, Padraic, EI9JA and Jimmy EI2GCB.

The Mayo Radio Experimenters are testing simultaneous news transmissions on 50.375 SSB and plan to add both 4mt and 70cms news transmissions soon. Reception reports for the 6mts transmission are especially welcomed.

The date for the Mayo Rally 2009 is Sunday November 22 at The Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar.

Rallies

More information on Rallies can be found on the IRTS website www.irts.ie/rallies

History this week

1846 The telegraph ticker tape machine was patented by R.E. House.

1900 First military (R.Navy) use of wireless in the Boer War. 85kms.

1912 Titanic sinks, radio use results in saving many lives.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot Carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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